

## SHORT FORM

An operator holding an active Opencut Permit may strip or excavate up to 2,500 cubic yards of soil, overburden, and mine material from another site if this form is submitted prior to commencing the operation. A Short Form site may not be located in:

1. The bottom of an ephemeral, intermittent, or perennial drainageway.
2. An area where the operation will intercept surface water, ground water, or a slope steeper than 3:1.
3. An area where the operation will cause the total yardage of soil, overburden, and mine material stripped or excavated from the site to exceed 10,000 cubic yards.
4. An open or reclaimed site where 10,000 cubic yards or more of soil, overburden, and mine material have been stripped or excavated.
5. An area where mining is restricted by other laws.

**Within 30 days of submitting this form, operator will:**

1. Strip all soil from the area to be mined.
2. Strip and retain enough overburden, if available, from the area to be mined so up to an 18-inch thickness of overburden and soil can be replaced on dryland reclamation, and up to a 36-inch thickness of overburden and soil can be replaced on cropland and irrigated reclamation.
3. Remove the mine material.
4. Grade all disturbed areas to 5:1 or flatter slopes for hayland and cropland, 4:1 or flatter slopes for sandy surfaces, and 3:1 or flatter slopes for other sites, and blend them into the surrounding topography and drainageways.
5. Replace the overburden and soil.
6. Reclaim or downsize to premine condition the access road used, unless the landowner submits a written request that the road remain for a reasonable postmining use and the Department approves the request. An access road to remain open must be left at a width and in a condition suitable for its postmining use. A 12-foot width is recommended for most roads.

**Operator will then,** at the first appropriate opportunity (early spring or late fall), seed or plant all disturbed areas to appropriate vegetative species.

\_\_\_\_\_ (operator) plans to strip or excavate 2,500 cubic yards or less of soil, overburden, and mine material in the \_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4, Sec. \_\_\_\_, T. \_\_\_\_ N/S, R. \_\_\_\_ E/W, \_\_\_\_\_ County, owned by, and with the permission of, \_\_\_\_\_ (landowner signature and consent form not required).

1. Describe the premine condition of the access road to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe the road improvements to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe the existing disturbances at the proposed mine site: \_\_\_\_\_

**I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIONS GIVEN APPLY TO THE PROPOSED PERMIT AREA AND THAT THE REQUIREMENTS STATED ABOVE WILL BE FOLLOWED.**

**Operator Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

A Short Form site does not require a premine inspection by the Department, bond, reporting on the Annual Progress Report form, or a release request. The Department will check the site during and/or after use.